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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: METHODS FOR IDENTIFYING  
COMPOUNDS FOR TREATING DISEASE  
STATES

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Examiner: K. Skowronek

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated November 19, 2008 ("the OA"), for which a response was due on February 19, 2008. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a three month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to May 19, 2008. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.